

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business  Unlimited "One Minutes"	10:30 -11:30 p.m.

**\*\* MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE COSTELLO DISCHARGE PETITION (#13)** to force consideration of [H.R. 4755](#) to protect collective bargaining rights. As negotiations between FAA and the air traffic controllers have reached an impasse, [H.R. 4755](#) would provide for: 1) Mediation through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS); 2) Congressional Action if an agreement cannot be reached through FMCS; and 3) Binding Arbitration if Congress does not pass a bill within 60 days. [169 Members have signed on.](#)

*(145<sup>th</sup> Calendar Day of the Year – 38<sup>th</sup> Voting Day of the Year – 55 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)*

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

**[H.Res. 835](#) – Rule Providing for consideration of [H.R. 5429](#) – The American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Bill) (Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one motion to recommit. Therefore, **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Rule.**

**[H.R. 5429](#) – The American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Bill) (Rep. Pombo – Resources) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill repeals the prohibition against production or leasing of oil and gas resources from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and is similar to recent efforts to open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for exploration and drilling. [H.R. 5429](#) directs that revenue from leasing and drilling operations be split 50/50 between the federal government and the State of Alaska, a provision that is likely to be challenged in court by the State of Alaska in order to restore the 90/10 revenue split established under the Alaska Statehood Act. This bill differs from other versions of Arctic drilling legislation considered in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress in that the federal revenue is deposited in the general treasury, as opposed to being dedicated to a particular program such as LIHEAP as in [H.R. 6](#) or to coastal restoration programs as proposed during debate on the Defense bill.

**[H.Res.836](#) - Rule Providing for consideration of [H.R.5441](#) - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY07 (Rules).** The Rules Committee recommended an open Rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the rule, amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule.

In general, the rule protects the text of the bill form Rule XXI points of order regarding legislating on an appropriations bill. However, the rule does not protect language Rep. Sabo added to the bill in the Appropriations Committee requiring the Homeland Security Department to develop regulations for the security of chemical facilities in the US. In addition, the Rules Committee also rejected an important amendment by Ranking Member Obey. The Obey amendment would provide additional funding to increase the number of border patrol agents and immigration investigators to the levels Congress mandated in the "9/11 Commission" bill passed in 2004 --- the increases in this amendment are offset by slightly reducing the tax cut received by people earning more than \$1 million a year. **Therefore, Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question.**

**[H.R.5441](#) - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY07 (Rep. Rogers {KY} – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides \$33.14 billion for operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in fiscal year 2007. Funding in this bill includes \$6.44 billion for Customs and Border Protection with \$1.27 billion allocated from user fees; \$3.87 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; \$3.62 billion for the Transportation Security Administration; \$8.13 billion for the Coast Guard; \$1.29 billion for the Secret Service; \$3.88 billion for the Preparedness Directorate; \$2.64 billion for FEMA; and \$956 million for science and technology.

Daily Quote...

"The speaker [Speaker Dennis Hastert] should beware: increasingly, voters are watching the feckless, partisan Congress with disapproval, according to opinion polls, and House zealots intent on turning the immigration bill into a xenophobe's manifesto will have to confront them."

- An editorial in the *New York Times* today